

# *Third Sunday of Easter*



Bluegrass Liturgy  
Saturday, April 13, 2024  
7:00 p.m.

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

*St. James Lutheran Church*

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# *Welcome to St. James!*

## **Here is some helpful information to guide you through worship.**

Large print bulletins and hearing-assist devices can be found on the welcome table in the main hall. Hymns are found in the back half of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* located in the chair rack in front of you and are referenced in this bulletin as ELW#. Please stand as you are able for parts of the service noted with an asterisk (\*). Thank you for silencing your electronic devices. Masking is optional. Masking is recommended while singing.

**P** Presider    **C** Congregation    **A** Assisting Minister    **L** Lay Reader

The worship service will be livestreamed to our YouTube Channel and made available for public viewing. Please note that you may be recorded during worship. You can visit our YouTube Channel at [StJamesGettysburg.org/YouTube](https://www.StJamesGettysburg.org/YouTube). If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with a member of the staff.

The Paschal Candle by the baptismal font remains lit during the Easter Season to show the presence of the risen Christ among his people. Thereafter, it is lit at baptisms and funerals as a sign of dying and rising with Christ, of our death and his life.

# Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS


### \*GATHERING HYMN

#### Verse One:



**C** Make your face shine on us, O Lord, you are our hid-ing place and shield.  
Your word will be our com - fort wher - e - ver we might be. Turn our hearts to your ways,  
and not to sel-fish gain. Turn our eyes from van - i - ties, give us life in your ways.

#### Refrain:



Give us strength, life and un - der - stand - ing, — joy, peace and love  
Give us strength, life and un - der - stand - ing, — pro - mise in your word.

*last time To Coda* ☩

#### Verse Two:



Your word is a lamp in the night, a light up-on our paths. Your word is sweet to the taste,  
like hon-ey to our mouths. Let your love come to us, O Lord, when like sheep we go a - stray.  
Great is your mer - cy Lord, our tongues will sing your praise. *to Refrain*

#### Coda ☩



pro - mise in your word.

### \*PASTORAL GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

\*KYRIE

Refrain

**C** Lord, have mer-cy, Christ, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy\_\_\_\_\_

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord. *(to Refrain)*

**A** For peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion. *(to Refrain)*

**A** For peace in the whole world\_ and the un-i-ty of all na-tions. *(to Refrain)*

**A** For all of your chil-dren who pray to their ma-ker. *(to Refrain)*

**A** For eas-ing of the bur-dens of an-ger, fear and ha-tred. *(to Refrain)*

**A** For the chil-dren, hun-gry or ne-glec-ted in ev-'ry na-tion. *(to Refrain)*

**A** For those who have no bread and those who find no joy. *(to Refrain)*

**A** For those who came be-fore us and now are in your glo-ry. *(to Refrain)*

**A** Help, save, com-fort and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.\_\_\_\_\_ *(to Amen)*

**C** A - - - men

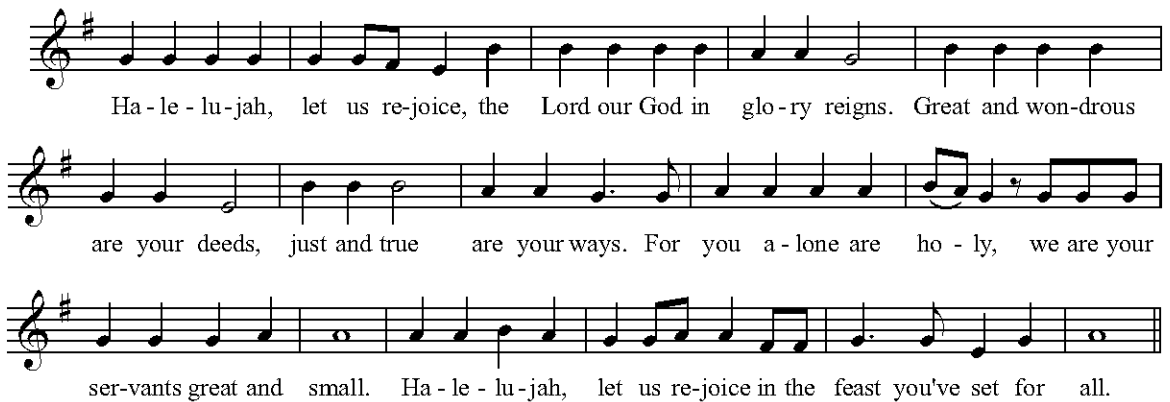
\*HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain:



**C** Glo-ry to God in hea - ven, and peace to us your peo - ple here be - low.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name \_\_\_ of the Lord.

Verse One:



Ha - le - lu - jah, let us re-joyce, the Lord our God in glo - ry reigns. Great and won - drous  
are your deeds, just and true are your ways. For you a - lone are ho - ly, we are your  
ser - vants great and small. Ha - le - lu - jah, let us re-joyce in the feast you've set for all.

Verse Two:



Wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain to take a - way the sin of the world.  
You are our fount of bles - sing, we of - fer you our praise. One God, our Cre - a - tor, one  
Lord, our Re - deem - er, in you we are li - ving, we praise your name and sing.

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** *Let us pray:* Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

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*Word*

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

READING: Luke 24:36b-48

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON, FOLLOWED BY TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

\*HYMN OF THE DAY: *As We Gather at Your Table*

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\*CREEDAL HYMN



**C** We be-lieve in one God, Cre - a - tor, Mak - er of all that is seen and un - seen.



You are with us al - ways, to the end of the age, God who was and is and is yet to be.



We be-lieve in one Re - deem - er, Je - sus Christ, God from God and light from light.



You car - ry us a - long as dis - ci - ples, we are al - ways in your - sight.



You suf - fered and died for all of sin, to bring us close to our lov - ing God.



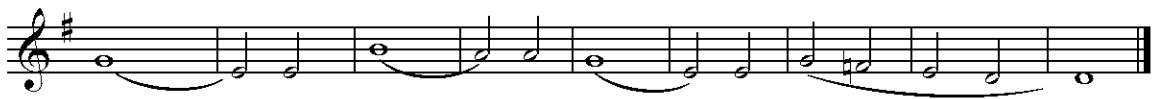
Through death in bod - y, made a - live in the Spir - it, in glo - ry your king - dom will not end.



I be-lieve in the Ho - ly Spir - it, gi - ver of life, God who was and is and is to come,



wa - ter of life and wind that blows, Cre - a - tor, Re - deem - er, Ho - ly One.



A - - - men, A - men, A - men, A - - - - men.

\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Petitions conclude: "God of grace," Our response: "hear our prayer."

\*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*Meal*

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

TITHES AND OFFERING

\*OFFERTORY HYMN



**C** The spi-rit of the Lord has sent us\_\_\_\_\_ to bring good news\_\_ to the



poor, to pro - claim re - lease to the cap - tives\_\_\_\_\_ and free-dom



to the op - pressed. As this bread is made of man - y grains, you



gath-er your peo-ples in - to your church. For this feast one needs no sil-ver,



come to the wa-ter all you who thirst. A - - - - men.\_\_\_\_\_

\*OFFERING PRAYER

**A** Let us pray.

**C** Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.



\*GREAT THANKSGIVING

\*PREFACE DIALOG

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

\*PROPER PREFACE

\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Refrain:

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly, Ho - san-na in the high - est heav - en. *Fine*

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first line starts with a common time signature 'C' and contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y'. The second line continues with 'Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly, Ho - san-na in the high - est heav - en.' and ends with a double bar line and the word 'Fine'.

Verse:

Bles - sed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,

who was and is and is to come, the earth is full of your glo - ry.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first line contains the lyrics 'Bles - sed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,'. The second line continues with 'who was and is and is to come, the earth is full of your glo - ry.' and ends with a double bar line.

\*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

\*LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

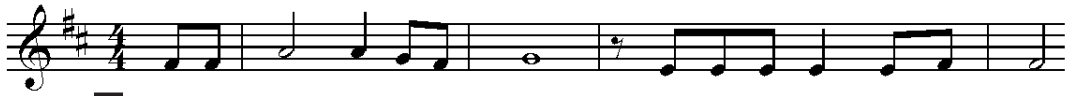
\*INVITATION

**P** The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

**C** Thanks be to God.

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

LAMB OF GOD



**C** Like a sheep led to be sheared, you did not o - pen your mouth.



Like a lamb you died for all of sin. You were bro-ken and poor.



You take a-way the sin of the world, you cleanse us from un-right-eous - ness.



We shall walk in light, as you are in the light. Have mer-cy on us—



— Have mer-cy on us — Grant us peace, Grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Refrain:



Help us raise the poor from trou-ble, help us give them seeds to sow.

*Fine*



You fill our des-ert with springs of wa-ter, you fill our cup, it o-ver-flows.

Verse One:



May the hun-gry plant their har-vest, wheat, oats, bar-ley, rye.

*(to Refrain)*



May those who sow in tears and sor-row reap with shouts of joy.

Verse Two:



Our mouths are filled with laugh-ter, and our tongues with shouts of joy.

*(to Refrain)*



We may not be rich in trea-sures, yet in a-bun-dance we re-joice.

COMMUNION HYMN



**A** Ev-'ry one who thirsts, come to the wa - ters. **C** Who - e-ver comes to you will ne-ver thirst.



**A** From our hearts flow riv-ers of liv - ing wa - ter. **C** Who - e-ver comes to you will ne-ver thirst.



**A** You that have no mo-ney come to drink and eat. **C** Who - e-ver comes to you will ne-ver thirst.



**A** Let us share in the bod - y of Christ. **C** Who - e-ver comes to you will ne - ver hun-ger.



**A** Liv - ing bread come down from hea-ven. **C** Who - e-ver comes to you will ne - ver hun-ger.



**A** You that have no mon-ey come to drink and eat. **C** Who - e-ver comes to you will ne - ver hun-ger.



**C** You that have no mon - ey come to drink and \_\_\_ eat.

\*TABLE BLESSING

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.



\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** *Let us pray:* Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**C** **Amen.**

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*Sending*

*God blesses us in mission to the world*

\*BLESSING (SUNG BY THE ENSEMBLE)

\*DISMISSAL

**A** Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**C** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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*Flowers are given to the Glory of God and*

In loving memory of Charles Shreiner, by his daughter & son-in-law, John & Judy Seilhamer.

In loving memory of Anna Mae Sensening, by her granddaughter, Janina Kloster and family.

Rosebud given in loving honor of the 9th anniversary of the baptism of Gavin Michael Seilhamer, by his grandparents, John and Judy.

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*Lift Up in Prayer*

Taylor Balderas

Helen Bardell

Bob Campbell

Daniel Dulisse

Dr. Douglas Eyer

Joanne Fisher

Tim Fleming

Chrissy Freed

Jim Gallagher

Hazel and Frank

George

Justin Griest

Nita Gross

Jean Hobbs

Billy Jones

Ricky Hernberger

Jack Lally

Jen Mickelson

Mary Alice Nutter

Mindy & Harold

Plank

Barbara Sanders

John Seilhamer

Donna Shipe

Lisa Sites

Nicholas Smeal

Colleen Smith

John Steinberger

Michelle

Steinberger

Jeff Snyder

Ken Unger

Sean Vora

Amy

Angie

Beverly

Bill

Darryl

Herb

Karen

Lisa

Luke

Marilyn

Tim

Wayne

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## *Serving in Worship*

### **Presider**

The Rev. Andrew R. Geib

### **Preacher**

Vicar Libby Baker-Mikesell

### **Minister of Music**

Jonathan Noel

### **Assisting Minister**

Ruth Topper

### **Bluegrass Ensemble**

#### *Vocals*

Tom Bender

Jesse Holt

Jonathan Noel

Ed Riggs

Alli Crowell, *bass*

Sharon Kaya, *guitar*

Ryan Kozak, *fiddle*

Gil Waldkoenig, *mandolin*

### **Communion Assistants**

Kathy Smith

John Doerfler

Peggy Green

### **Ushers**

### **Bread Baker**

Debby Luquette

### **Sacristy**

### **AV Operator**

Gary Smith

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## *Announcements*

**Bible Study with Pastor Andrew:** Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Area. We are studying Deuteronomy and all are welcome!

**Springtime Book Club:** Mondays at 4 pm at The Upper Crust. Reading & discussing Holy People, Holy Lives: Law & Gospel in Bioethics, by Richard Eyer. See Vicar Libby with questions.

**Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build:** Remaining build dates are 4/18-4/20. Contact Shirley Sanders (sandersds@comcast.net) to sign up to help build or provide food items.

**Court of Honor Celebration:** All are invited to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Christian DiCampli today at 1 pm. It will be held downstairs in the church.

**Creation Care Concert and Conversation:** April 21 @ 4 pm in the worship space. Original songs and conversation about upcoming Creation Care activities. Light refreshments provided.

**CROP Hunger Walk:** Sunday April 28 at the YWCA. You can participate as a team or individual walker. Contact Jesse Holt or Suzanne Hubbard with questions.



**VBS Save-the-Date:** June 3-7 at St. James. See Adam Michael to volunteer. Registration for youth is now open.



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